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Mr. President.

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: LB 642 passes. (Visitors introduced.)
Mr. Clerk, LB 647.

CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Chambers would move to return the bill for a specific amendment, FA1113. (Legislative Journal page 1765.)

SPEAKER KRISTENSEN: Senator Chambers, you're recognized to open.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, members of the Legislature, this is the last amendment of this type that I intend to offer this morning unless, as I said, I get provoked. And I might allow that to occur by asking Senator Brashear a question or two, but, again, I may not. Here is the amendment because, again, I want it on record what my colleagues are supporting when they endorse Israel. This is the language that would be added to this bill after striking all provisions. "As a sign of solidarity with the State of Israel in its incursions against the Palestinian people, the Nebraska Legislature expresses its support and approval of: (1) the bulldozing of towns, villages and olive groves in the West Bank; (2) the use of tanks, warplanes, Apache helicopters, bombs, missiles and other weaponry to destroy homes, schools, hospitals, water and power lines in the Occupied Palestinian Territories; (3) the mass destruction of property and the killing of untold numbers of civilians in the Jenin Refugee camp by Israeli Defense Forces; and (4) prevention by the Israeli military of doctors, rescue workers and aides of the International Red Cross and of the Red Crescent from reaching and administering assistance to injured and dying Palestinians, as a result of which, many Palestinians bled to death without receiving medical assistance which otherwise was available." Since I have not been into Israel or the West Bank, why do I make these assertions and allegations? Because I watch white people's and Jewish people's broadcasts, and they are the ones who present this information. They are the ones who show interviews with representatives of the International Red Cross, representatives of the Red Crescent who describe the carnage that has occurred; who describe how they